

Training Committee Minutes for 7/30/2009

Meeting was called to order by Amanda Warren-Newton at 1015

Members Present:

Amanda Warren-Newton
Danny Bercher
KC Jones
Joseph Chappell
Karen Konarski-Hart
Larry New
Mike Davidson
Jamin Snarr
Judy Taylor
Norajean Miles Harrell
David Taylor, Section Chief

Guests:

James Smith
Kelly McCauley
Jarrod Noll
Deanne May
Martin Davis
Detrich Smith
Dennis Mitchell
Robert Steeps
Helen Huitt
Stella Nelson
Joe Martin
Amy Auteronay
Janelle Johnson
Pete Pitre
Rod Barrett

Introduction of members

Joe Chappell made a motion to accept minutes - approved

Certification Report

Norajean Miles presented the certification report. She said that the middle of certification period is fluid, so this report is not totally reliable.

Needs Assessment Survey for May 2009

David Taylor commented on the Needs Assessment survey which was distributed at the meeting. He said there is difficulty in recruiting and retaining paramedics by ambulance owners and operators. He indicated that there was a 31% shortage of paramedics in Ark.

Gabe Romero (from National Registry) presented material on NREMT Update. He reviewed the national and state pass rates. He also explained the test writing and administration process by the National Registry of EMTs. He stressed that National Registry did not mandate national testing and national accreditation.

Stella Nelson presented the computer based testing report for 2008. Results were identified by the training sites with a comparison with national results. The report will be posted on the Internet. There was discussion of setting minimum standards for training sites. Joe Chappell stated that the information on his training site was incorrect.

Two committee members Capt. Davidson and Rob Chastain have submitted letters of **recommendation.(resignation)** David Taylor will notify fire-based EMS and to the ambulance services with a letter of the committee vacancies.

Gap Analysis: David Taylor stated that the training committee needs to make recommendations. Mr. Taylor suggested that the committee meet on a monthly basis starting @ 1000 at least once per month. 1st meeting late August; advanced Sept.; Oct. meeting. Gap Analysis must be completed by the GAC meeting in February to go to Board of Health in April of 2010.

David Taylor announced that the National Association of State EMS Officials will meet Sept. 20-25 in Little Rock.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1151. These minutes were submitted by Danny Bercher.